

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT COUNTIES

Advisory Meeting

September 8, 1999 @ 10:00 A.M.

Human Resources Building

1325 J Street, Room 1519

Sacramento, California

Summary

1. Welcome-Lois VanBeers welcomed the county representatives at the monthly meeting.
2. Agenda Review-Lois VanBeers asked for any additional items that needed to be added to the agenda. There were none.
3. Summary Review-The summary of the August meeting was reviewed and there were no changes.
4. Department News-Lois Van Beers reported that since our last meeting our division chief, Mike Howland, had been replaced by Werner Schink. Also, Werner had recently announced his retirement effective September 30th. The position is vacant and no announcement of an interim appointment. The position was expected to be filled in October.
Lois also thanked the counties and state staff that worked on the data reconciliation project. The results of the effort had allowed California to meet the work participation requirements and this had been a positive accomplishment for all of us as well as the department. Yeah, team!!!!!!
5. County Work Participation Rates-Frank Andersen handed out a draft letter on how counties could calculate their county work participation rates. The county rates do not have to be reported until April 15, 2000. Frank indicated that there were 3 questions still unanswered:

Can zero based grant persons be included ?
Can we include persons that receive less than \$10?
Can we include zero grant cases due to an overpayment collection?
6. Food Stamps and TANF QC-Frank Andersen reported that the Food Stamp survey will be conducted effective 10-1-99. We have received for a 3-6 month suspension period on performing CalWORKs payment accuracy reviews due to several major projects in progress.
7. QDS Training-Richard Trujillo reported that memos to all the counties had been sent requesting the names of persons that will be attending the training in October in Sacramento. Four counties had not yet reported. The state will pay for up to 3 persons from each county to attend the training. Those counties wanting to send more staff at their own expense may do so. Training will begin the week of October 18, 1999 at the new State Training Center in Sacramento. Richard will update next month.
8. Edits Follow-up-Richard Trujillo proposed that edit issues be listed on the Taskforce web page so that all software users can read about the issues raised in other counties. The representatives liked this idea as a way to better communicate what is going on. Judy Baca, Donna Laird and Pam Neely also shared their edit concerns and provided Richard the documentation for his review. Richard will report next month.

9. Data Reconciliation update-Hector Hernandez thanked the counties for their effort in the data reconciliation project and shared the front page of the Los Angeles Times from September 1st that discussed California meeting the work participation requirements. He also reported that the counties had completed the second quarter of FFY99 and that his staff was in the process of reviewing the work and discussing some cases with the counties. He thanked the representatives for their assistance.
10. Disposition Report-Hector Hernandez reported that he had sent out a disposition report last month and that he had received some comments from several of the counties. Gerry Greer indicated that he had not received his copy. However, he wanted Hector to change the format so that it will match the report format that the counties already have on their menu reports section of the software. Hector said that he will re-format the disposition report and release it to everyone for review.
11. QSI Update-Hector Hernandez reported that several items relating to the placement of the software on the Internet had been accomplished and that the project was progressing well. He stated that the county representatives that had volunteered earlier in the year to provide input or to participate as a beta testers would be contacted. Hector will update next month.
12. Data Builders Presentation-Jay and Richard Wilmer shared information on a new feature that will be part of the software release in October. The new feature will provide the user with 4 pages of additional area for each class to write any comments or observations related to the review. Copies were handed out to the representatives.
13. Data Operations Branch—Chris Waters represented the FOB and shared that the Food Stamp sanction for FY98 will be around \$6 million. Eight counties are over the tolerance and letters to these counties are expected to be sent shortly. The department is considering the options available including an appeal or the possible reinvestment of the penalty. The actual sanction process begins when the FNS sends its notification to California. Also, Chris thanked the counties for submitting their Corrective Action Plans (CAPS) to the DOB which were due on September 1, 1999. Chris will re-reviewing the CAPS and making her report to the federal agencies.
14. Publications—Joeana Carpenter followed up on the publication that was released last month and stated that it is also available on the Internet. Joeana's unit is currently working on two additional publications, one from each program (TANF and Food Stamps). The two reports are expected to be released in October 1999. Joeana noted the importance of these publications, especially since similar products had not been published in several years.
15. Other
16. Next Meeting—October 13, 1999